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<td><em>“soft actions” (development of joint services, setting up of joint standards -&gt; NO infrastructures/investments)</em></td>
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**Global objective**

Improvement of the territorial, economic and social integration process and contribution to **cohesion, stability** and **competitiveness** through the development of transnational partnerships and joint actions on matters of strategic importance.

**Specific objectives**

- **Facilitation of innovation, entrepreneurship, knowledge economy and information society** by concrete cooperation action and visible results.
- **Improvement of the attractiveness of regions and cities** taking into account sustainable development, physical and knowledge accessibility and environmental quality by integrated approaches and concrete cooperation action and visible results.
- **Foster integration** by supporting balanced capacities for transnational territorial cooperation at all levels.

**Priority Axes**

- **P1: Facilitation of innovation and entrepreneurship**
- **P2: Protection and improvement of the environment**
- **P3: Improvement of the accessibility**
- **P4: Development of transnational synergies for sustainable growth areas**
- **P5: Technical assistance** to support implementation and capacity building

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**Promotion of**

- **sustainable development**
- **equal opportunities** and **non discrimination**
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### Projects

Various logos and images related to the SEE Programme's strategy.
## The SEE Programme budget

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<td><strong>44,051,157</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,366,922</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2. Environment</strong></td>
<td><strong>56,739,828</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,336,743</strong></td>
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<td><strong>3. Accessibility</strong></td>
<td><strong>43,160,834</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,298,872</strong></td>
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<td><strong>4. Sustainable Growth Areas</strong></td>
<td><strong>50,338,329</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,847,463</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>194,290,148</strong></td>
<td><strong>14,850,850</strong></td>
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*ENPI available 1,800,000!*
Priority 2

**Priority Axis 2: Protection and Improvement of the Environment**

Objective is to override the constraints imposed by natural barriers, to foresee future environmental threats and opportunities and to develop common transnational actions for the protection of nature and humans

| 2.1. Improve integrated water management and flood risk prevention | Development of transnational structures and tools for an integrated management of water and flood risk prevention |
| 2.2. Improve prevention of environmental and technological risks | Transnational structures and systems/tools for environmental risk protection, and policy development to reduce risks and impacts on human health, biodiversity and other environmental issues |
| 2.3. Promote cooperation in management of natural assets and protected areas | Cooperation and know-how transfer in managing natural assets and transnational awareness building on natural assets as development factor |
| 2.4. Promote energy and resource efficiency | Coordination and transfer of know-how on energy and resource efficiency policies, to cover the expected rise in energy demand and resources consumption |
Nature protection and SEE

- SEE area characterised by rich biodiversity
- Large number of pristine landscapes, mountain areas and natural protected areas
- Large number of rivers as an environmental assets

but

- Inadequate management and lack of preservation enhancement of natural assets
- Lack of cooperation between decision makers
- Diverging and conflicting international/national/regional interests
The SEE area has varied and valuable ecosystems that follow the geography of a varied territory:

- Apennines
- Carpathians
- Dinaric Arc
- Part of the Alps
- Adriatic/Ionian coasts
- Danube basin and delta
- Great Plains

- A good number of natural assets are protected
- Protected areas brought negative effects for the local population from an economic point of view
- Many other natural assets are exposed to unwise use and management
This AoI focused its action in the management of natural assets AND in considering such assets as development factor for the involved areas.

Purpose:
- Cooperation and know-how transfer in managing natural assets
- Support transnational awareness building on importance of natural assets as development factor
Objective:

Enhancing the integrated management of the Carpathians’ protected areas and natural assets and increase the attractiveness of the region, by elaborating common integrated management measures in particular transboundary areas.
SEE Programme will cease to exist and two new Programmes from 2014 will be created:

**South East Gateway Programme**
- Austria
- Albania
- **Bulgaria (?)**
- Bosnia Herzegovina
- Croatia
- fYR Macedonia
- Cyprus
- Montenegro
- Greece
- Serbia
- **Hungary (?)**
- Italy
- Malta
- **Romania (?)**
- Slovenia

**Danube Programme**
- Austria
- Bosnia Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Republic of Moldova
- Czech Republic
- Montenegro
- Croatia
- Serbia
- Germany
- Ukraine
- Hungary
- Romania
- Slovenia
Future perspectives

- Carpathians covered in the Danube Programme
- Thematic Objectives (TO) not approved (selected) yet
- 11 TO among which 4 can be selected.
- 3 TO are related to environment
  - TO4 on low carbon economy
  - TO5 on climate change adaptation
  - TO6 on water, waste, biodiversity, pollution, etc...
Future perspectives

Thematic objective 6:

- addressing the significant needs for investment in the waste sector to meet the requirements of the environmental acquis
- addressing the significant needs for investment in the water sector to meet the requirements of the environmental acquis
- protecting, promoting and developing cultural heritage
- protecting biodiversity, soil protection and promoting ecosystem services including NATURA 2000 and green infrastructures
- action to improve the urban environment, including regeneration of brownfield sites and reduction of air pollution